



Dublin City University
Research & Innovation Support (RIS)
Director of Research
(Fixed Term Contract up to 5 Years)

Background

Dublin City University (www.dcu.ie) is a research-intensive, globally-engaged, dynamic institution that is distinguished both by the quality and impact of its graduates and by its focus on the translation of knowledge into societal and economic benefit. DCU prepares its students well for success in life, and in the workplace, by providing a high-quality, rounded education appropriate to the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. DCU is Ireland's fastest growing university and its next phase of major expansion involves strategic investments of more than €0.3bn, including a €0.2bn campus development plan.

Through its mission to transform lives and societies through education, research, innovation and engagement, DCU acts as an agent of social, cultural and economic progress. With a strong commitment to research excellence across its five faculties, the university is home to a broad range of internationally-renowned research centres in specific areas of Science, Engineering, ICT, Humanities, Social Sciences, Education and Business. As Ireland's University of Enterprise, DCU is renowned for its commitment to innovation and entrepreneurship and its proactive engagement with the enterprise sector. It consistently leads the Irish university sector in terms of Intellectual Property (IP) licences and contributes strongly to the national innovation ecosystem through DCU Ryan Academy for Entrepreneurs and DCU Alpha (the university's Innovation Campus).

Position

DCU is seeking to appoint a Director of Research who will work in close collaboration with the Vice President for Research and Innovation (VPRI) to develop and implement the University's research and innovation strategy. This position presents an exciting opportunity for a dynamic individual, with substantive experience of research management to make a significant contribution to the future of DCU as it enters its next stage of development. The university has set ambitious goals in terms of research excellence, research funding targets, and innovation impact. The successful candidate will be a results-driven individual who can operate effectively within the dynamic research environment of the university, the wider Irish higher education sector and the global research community. S/he will report directly to the VPRI and will be given specific responsibilities to coordinate major research initiatives both within the university and with our strategic research partners.

Roles and Responsibilities

S/he shall report directly to the Vice President for Research and Innovation.

The Director of Research will be expected to:

- Have a cross-University role and work closely with the VPRI in the identification, development and implementation of major research and innovation initiatives.
- Work in collaboration with the VPRI to enhance the national and international impact of research at DCU.
- Develop strong links with both individual researchers and research centres across the University.
- Undertake financial management, administration and oversight of the Research Overhead Budget and the University Research Fund.
- Maintain management oversight of the RIS team (8 FTE), the post award research administration unit (13 FTE), the DCU Research Infrastructure and Facilities Unit (10 FTE), the BioResource Unit and the Strategic Partnerships Office.
- Work with the managers of the research supports teams (RIS, STEP, RI etc.) to develop research related policies to provide an appropriate governance framework for the university's research activity.
- Work in collaboration with the VPRI to develop research initiatives involving our strategic research partnerships
- Liaise with the Deans and the Associate Deans for Research to optimise research support services to facilitate the implementation of the research strategy.
- Work with the VPRI to develop and oversee the implementation of systems to measure, support and develop the quality of research at discipline level, including research output.
- Liaise with the HEA, SFI, EU, EI, HRB and other funding agencies in relation to research issues as appropriate
- Work closely with DCU Invent on matters relating to contract research, intellectual property management and technology transfer.
- Liaise with the Director of the DCU Alpha Campus to foster a culture of collaborative research and innovation engagements with the University's academic community
- Externally promote research at DCU through all available media in collaboration with the Communications and Marketing Office
- Deputise for the VPRI on external and internal committees and at events, where appropriate
- Be prepared to undertake duties and responsibilities as prioritised by the VPRI

Minimum Criteria

A Primary Degree and/or post-graduate degree (Master's Degree level or equivalent). Ideally the role holder should have a minimum of 10 years professional experience with at least 5 years in a leadership role specializing in the area.

Salary: *€75,667 - €98,688 per annum

**Appointment will be commensurate with qualifications and experience will be made on the appropriate point of the salary scale, in line with current Government pay policy.*

Closing Date: 6th November 2017

Informal Enquiries:

Informal enquiries should be addressed by email to Professor Greg Hughes (greg.hughes@dcu.ie) Vice President for Research and Innovation,

Application procedure:

Applications should include a CV and covering letter and be submitted with the application form as outlined below.

Application forms are available from the DCU Current Vacancies (open Competitions) website at <http://www.dcu.ie/vacancies/current.shtml> and also from the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 (0) 1 7005149.

Please clearly state the role that you are applying for in your application and email subject line: Job Ref#671 Director of Research, Research & Innovation Support (RIS)

Applications should be submitted by email to hr.applications@dcu.ie or by Fax: +353 (0)1 7005500 or by post to the Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Human Resources Department, Dublin City University, Dublin 9. Tel: +353 1 700 5149; Fax: +353 1 700 5500 Email: hr.applications@dcu.ie Dublin City University is an equal opportunities employer

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